

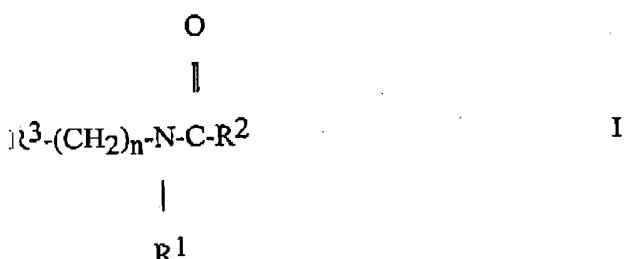
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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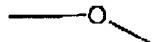
Claim 1.(currently amende 1)

A compound having the Formula I

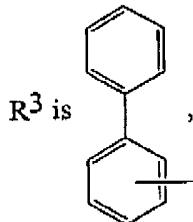


wherein

R¹ is pyridyl, CH₂ pyridyl or substituted pyridyl substituted by OC₁-C₆alkyl;
 n is 1 or 2;

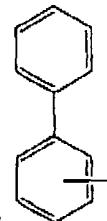
R² is substituted phenyl or phenyl substituted by OC₁-C₆alkyl,  Obenzyl,
halogen or NO₂;

; and



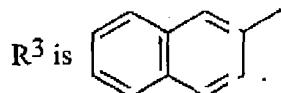
phenyl or substituted phenyl substituted by C₁-C₆alkyl, provided that when R² is phenyl
 and n is 1, R³ is a phenyl substituted by halogen; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt
 thereof.

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Claim 2 (Currently Amended) A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein R^3 is R^2 is ethoxy-phenyl; and R^1 is pyridyl.

Claim 3.(withdrawn) A compound in accordance with Claim 1 wherein



Claim 4.(currently amended) A compound in accordance with Claim 1 wherein

R^1 is pyridyl[[,]] \leftarrow C_1I_2 -pyridyl.

Claim 5.(canceled)

Claim 6.(canceled)

Claim 7.(previously canceled)

Claim 8.(withdrawn) The compounds:

2-Benzylsulfanoyl-N-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-N-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;
 N -(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-benzyl)-3,4-dimethoxy-N-phenyl-benzamide;
 N -(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-3,4-dimethoxy-N-phenyl-benzamide;
 N -(3,5-Diisobutyl-benzyl)-3,4-dimethoxy-N-phenyl-benzamide;
3,4-Dimethoxy-N-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-N-phenyl-benzamide;
3,4-Dimethoxy-N-(3-methoxy-benzyl)-N-phenyl-benzamide;
 N -(3,4-Dichlorobenzyl)-3,4-dimethoxy-N-phenyl-benzamide;
3,4-Dimethoxy-N-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-N-phenyl-benzamide;

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N-(4-tert-Butyl-enyl)-3,4-dimethoxy-*N*-phenyl-benzamide; and
N-Biphenyl 2-yl-nethyl-3,4-dimethoxy-*N*-phenyl-benzamide.

Claim 9.(withdrawn) The compounds:

N-(3,4-Dichloro-benzyl)-*N*-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;
N-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-benzyl)-*N*-[4-(3-diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-benzamide;
N-(3,5-Bis-tert-butylmethyl-benzyl)-*N*-[4-(3-diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-benzamide;
N-(3,5-Dibromo-benzyl)-*N*-[4-(3-diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-benzamide;
N-[4-(3-Diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-*N*-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-benzamide;
N-[4-(3-Diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-*N*-(3-methoxy-benzyl)-benzamide;

N-(3,4-Dichloro-benzyl)-*N*-[4-(3-diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-benzamide;
N-[4-(3-Diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-*N*-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-benzamide;
N-Biphenyl 2-yl-nethyl-*N*-[4-(3-diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl]-benzamide; and
3-Methyl-*tert*-butyl-2-carboxylic acid (4-iodo-phenyl)-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-*n*-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-amide.

Claim 10.(withdrawn) The compounds:

N-(4-Methoxy-benzyl)-*N*-phenyl-benzamide;
N-(3-Methoxy-benzyl)-*N*-phenyl-benzamide;
3,4,5-Triethoxy-*N*-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-*N*-quinolin-3-yl-benzamide;
N-(4-tert-Butyl-benzyl)-3,4,5-trimethoxy-*N*-quinolin-3-yl-benzamide;
N-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-3,4,5-trimethoxy-*N*-quinolin-3-yl-benzamide;
3,4,5-Triethoxy-*N*-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-*N*-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-*n*-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-benzamide;
N-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-benzyl)-3,4,5-trimethoxy-*N*-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-benzamide;
N-(3,4-Dichloro-benzyl)-3,4,5-trimethoxy-*N*-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-benzamide;

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4-Isopropyl *N*-pyridin-3-yl-*N*-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl) benzamide; and
 4-Isopropyl *N*-(2-methoxy-benzyl)-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide.

Claim 11.(withdrawn) The compounds:

4-Isopropyl *N*-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;
N-(4-tert-Butyl-benzyl)-4-isopropyl-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;
N-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-4-isopropyl-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;
 2-Ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-*N*-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-benzamide;
N-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-benzyl)-2-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;
N-(3,5-Dibromo-benzyl)-2-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;
 2-Ethoxy-*N*-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;
 2-Ethoxy-*N*-(3-methoxy-benzyl)-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;
N-(3,4-Dichloro-benzyl)-2-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide; and
 2-Ethoxy-*N*-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide.

Claim 12.(currently amended) The compounds:

N-(4-tert-Butyl-benzyl)-2-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide; and
N-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-2-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide[[;]].
~~*N*-(6-Butoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-2-diethylamino-*N*-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-acetamide;~~
~~*N*-(6-Butoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-*N*-(4-tert-butyl-benzyl)-2-diethylamino-acetamide;~~
~~*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-(6-butoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-2-diethylamino-acetamide;~~
~~*N*-(2-Methoxy-phenyl)-*N*-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-benzamide;~~
~~*N*-(4-Methoxy-benzyl)-*N*-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;~~
~~*N*-(3-Methoxy-benzyl)-*N*-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;~~
~~*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide; and~~
~~*N*-(4-(3-Diethylamino-propyl)-phenyl)-*N*-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-benzamide.~~

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Claim 13.(withdrawn) The compounds:

N-Biphenyl 2-yl methyl-2-ethoxy-*N*-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-benzamide;
N-Biphenyl 2-yl methyl-2-methoxy-*N*-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-benzamide;
N-Biphenyl 2-yl methyl-2-methoxy-*N*-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-benzamide;
Benzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-pyridin-4-yl-amide;
N-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-2-nitro-benzamide;
N-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-4-ethoxy-*N*-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-benzamide;
N-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-2-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-benzamide;
Benzo[1,3]dioxole-4-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-
amide;
N-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-2-bromo-*N*-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-benzamide; and
3-Chloro-*b*enzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-pyridin-3-
ylmethyl-amide

Claim 14.(currently amended) The compounds:

N-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-2-nitro-*N*-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-benzamide;
2-Benzyl-*N*-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-benzamide;
N-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-4-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-benzamide;
~~*N*-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-4-methoxy-*N*-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;~~
~~*N*-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-2-ethoxy-*N*-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;~~
Benzo[1,3]dioxole-5-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-
amide;
~~*N*-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-2,4-dimethoxy-*N*-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;~~
~~2-Benzyl-*N*-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;~~
~~*N*-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-2-bromo-*N*-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide; and~~
Benzo[1,3]dioxole-4-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-(6-methoxy-pyridin-
-3-yl)-amide.

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Claim 15.(currently amended) The compounds:

N-Biphenyl 2-yl methyl-2-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-2-yl-benzamide;
N-Biphenyl 2-yl methyl-2-bromo-*N*-pyridin-2-yl-benzamide;
N-Biphenyl 2-yl methyl-2-nitro-*N*-pyridin-2-yl-benzamide;
2-Benzyl α -*N*-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-pyridin-2-yl-benzamide;
N-Biphenyl 2-yl methyl-2-bromo-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;
~~3-Chloro-*b*-[*b*]-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-pyridin-3-yl~~
amide;
~~Benzo[*b*]-epoxy-2-carboxylic acid biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-pyridin-3-yl amide;~~
N-Biphenyl 2-yl methyl-2-nitro-*N*-pyridin-3-yl-benzamide;
N-Biphenyl 2-yl methyl-2-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-4-yl-benzamide; and
N-Biphenyl 2-yl methyl-2-methoxy-*N*-pyridin-4-yl-benzamide.

Claim 16.(currently amended) The compounds:

Benzo[1,3]dioxole-4-carboxylic acid biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-pyridin-4-yl-amide;
N-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-2-bromo-*N*-pyridin-4-yl-benzamide;
N-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-2-nitro-*N*-pyridin-4-yl-benzamide;
2-Benzyl α -*N*-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-pyridin-4-yl-benzamide; and
N-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-4-ethoxy-*N*-pyridin-4-yl-benzamide[;].
~~Benzo[*b*]-epoxy-2-carboxylic acid biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-pyridin-3-ylmethyl~~
amide;
~~*N*-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-*N*(4-methoxy-phenyl)-2-methylsulfanyl-benzamide;~~
~~*N*-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-2-isopropylsulfanyl-*N*(4-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;~~
~~*N*-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-*N*(3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-propylsulfanyl-benzamide; and~~
~~*N*-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-*N*(3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-methylsulfanyl-benzamide.~~

Claim 17.(withdrawn) The compounds:

N-Biphenyl 2-ylmethyl-2-isopropylsulfanyl-*N*(3-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;
2-Benzylsulfanyl-*N*-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*(3-methoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;
2-Benzylsulfanyl-*N*-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*(4-chloro-phenyl)-benzamide;

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N-Biphenyl 2-yl nethyl-*N*-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-propylsulfanyl-benzamide;
N-Biphenyl 2-yl nethyl-*N*-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-methylsulfanyl-benzamide;
N-Biphenyl 2-yl nethyl-*N*-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-isopropylsulfanyl-
benzamide;
N-Biphenyl 2-yl nethyl-*N*-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-3-phenylsulfanyl-benzamide;
2-Benzylsulfanyl-*N*-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-benzamide;
'*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(propane-1-sulfinyl)-
benzamide; and
'*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(propane-2-sulfinyl)-
benzamide.

Claim 18.(withdrawn) The compounds:

'2-Benzene sulfanyl-*N*-biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-(4-chloro-phenyl)-benzamide;
'*N*-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-(propane-1-sulfinyl)-
benzamide
N-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-(propane-2-sulfinyl)-
benzamide and
N-Biphenyl-2-ylmethyl-*N*-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-phenylmethanesulfinyl-.

Claim 19.(previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of
Claim 1 in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 20.(canceled)

Claim 21.(withdrawn) A method of treating atherosclerosis, the method comprising
administering to a patient having or at risk of having atherosclerosis a therapeutically
effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 22.(withdrawn) A method of treating atherosclerosis, the method comprising
administering to a patient having or at risk of having atherosclerosis a therapeutically
effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

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Claim 23.(withdrawn) A method of treating restenosis, the method comprising administering to a patient having or at risk of having restenosis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 24.(withdrawn) A method of treating restenosis, the method comprising administering to a patient having or at risk of having restenosis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 25.(withdrawn) A method of treating coronary heart disease, the method comprising administering to a patient having or at risk of having coronary heart disease a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 26.(withdrawn) A method of treating coronary heart disease, the method comprising administering to a patient having or at risk of having coronary heart disease a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 27.(withdrawn) A method of treating hyperlipidemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hyperlipidemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 28.(withdrawn) A method of treating hyperlipidemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hyperlipidemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 29.(withdrawn) A method of treating hyperlipoproteinemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hyperlipoproteinemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

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Claim 30.(withdrawn). A method of treating hyperlipoproteinemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hyperlipoproteinemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 31.(withdrawn). A method of treating hypercholesterolemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hypercholesterolemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 32. (withdrawn) A method of treating hypercholesterolemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hypercholesterolemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 33.(withdrawn) A method of treating hypertriglyceridemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hypertriglyceridemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 34.(withdrawn) A method of treating hypertriglyceridemia, the method comprising administering to a patient having hypertriglyceridemia a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 35.(withdrawn) A method of treating obesity, the method comprising administering to an obese patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 36.(withdrawn) A method of treating obesity, the method comprising administering to an obese patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 37.(withdrawn) A method of lowering plasma concentrations of apoB containing lipoproteins, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of lowering of apoB containing lipoproteins in plasma a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

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Claim 38.(withdrawn) A method of lowering plasma concentrations of apoB containing lipoproteins, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of lowering of apoB containing lipoproteins in plasma a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 39.(withdrawn) A method of lowering the plasma concentration of Lp(a), the method comprising administering to a patient in need of Lp(a) lowering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 40.(withdrawn) A method of lowering the plasma concentration of Lp(a), the method comprising administering to a patient in need of Lp(a) lowering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 41.(withdrawn) A method of lowering the plasma concentration of LDL, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of LDL lowering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 42.(withdrawn) A method of lowering the plasma concentration of LDL, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of LDL lowering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.

Claim 43.(withdrawn) A method of lowering the plasma concentration of triglycerides, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of triglyceride lowering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

Claim 44.(withdrawn) A method of lowering the plasma concentration of triglycerides, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of triglyceride lowering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 7.